



Fort Bliss Mission and Master Plan Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

The Fort Bliss Mission



THE CHANGING FORT BLISS MISSION

- Army Transformation, Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), and the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy (IGPBS) are changing the mission of Fort Bliss
 - Fort Bliss to host Armor Division with four Heavy Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs)
 - First BCT arrived in 2006
 - Other units, including a Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), will also be located at Fort Bliss
 - Air Defense Artillery (ADA) School and three ADA Brigades moving out of Fort Bliss
- Mobilization and Power Projection Platform missions will continue
- Training requirements changing due to Global War on Terror and lessons learned in Middle East

UNIT CHANGES

FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
+ 4 th BCT, 1 st CAV				
- 108 th ADA Brigade				
+ Evaluation BCT				
- 31 st ADA Brigade				
+ Armor Division Headquarters				
+ Heavy BCT				
+ Artillery (Fires) Brigade				
+ CAB				
+ Sustainment Brigade				
+ Terminal High-Altitude Area Air Defense Unit				
- ADA School/6th ADA Brigade				
+ Heavy BCT				
+ Various Echelons Above Brigade support units				

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Type of Personnel	Fiscal Year							
	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Officers	1,510	1,300	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,750	3,100	3,300
Warrant Officers	240	200	300	300	400	750	900	900
Enlisted	9,440	8,500	11,800	12,000	14,000	21,500	25,000	25,800
<i>Total U.S. Military</i>	<i>11,190</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>13,800</i>	<i>14,000</i>	<i>16,400</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>29,000</i>	<i>30,000</i>
Non-U.S. Military	*	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Government Civilians	7,400	5,300	5,800	6,500	6,600	7,500	8,000	8,000
Students	*	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other Temporary Duty	7,780	4,900	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Contract Civilians	*	2,200	2,400	2,700	2,800	3,100	3,200	3,300
<i>Total Personnel</i>	<i>26,370</i>	<i>25,400</i>	<i>30,000</i>	<i>31,200</i>	<i>33,800</i>	<i>41,800</i>	<i>46,400</i>	<i>47,500</i>
Military Dependents	18,000	16,500	22,800	23,100	27,100	41,300	47,900	49,500

* Included in other numbers

EQUIPMENT CHANGES

- Each Heavy BCT includes a variety of equipment:



- Approximately 360 tracked vehicles, including M1A tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, and 55-millimeter Howitzers
- Approximately 900 wheeled vehicles, including High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs)
- Approximately 16 unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)
- Approximately 165 generators



- CAB includes 110 helicopters
- Unit changes will result in net increase of about 1,440 tracked and 7,800 wheeled vehicles, 64 UAVs, 675 generators, and 110 helicopters



PLANNED CONSTRUCTION

- Main Cantonment Area
 - Four BCT complexes to be constructed east of Main Post
 - Each complex includes barracks, administration, and maintenance facilities
 - CAB complex to be constructed at Biggs Army Airfield (AAF)
 - Renovation and infill of support facilities on Main Post and other areas
 - Residential Communities Initiative building and renovating over 5,000 military family housing units
- Fort Bliss Training Complex
 - Live-fire and qualification ranges being built or upgraded within existing range complexes at Doña Ana and McGregor Ranges
 - New Orogrande Range Complex being developed in Tularosa Basin portion of McGregor Range
 - New Digital Air Ground Integration Range (DAGIR) planned at existing Short Range Air Defense (SHORAD) area on McGregor Range

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- Training Circular 25-1 defines annual training requirements for units at Fort Bliss, including:
 - Live-fire and qualification training
 - Off-road vehicle maneuver exercises
- Off-road vehicle maneuver training measured in square kilometer days (km²d)
 - Based on size of maneuver area ("box"), length of exercise (days), and number of exercises per year
 - Four Heavy BCTs, other units, and mobilization mission require a total of 528,000 km²d annually
- Fort Bliss Training Complex has potential to support 6 simultaneous battalion-level exercises
- BCT unmanned aerial vehicles train in Restricted airspace
- CAB to conduct helicopter training on DAGIR and other areas

